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Committee: House Committee On Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1548

SB 1548 would critically harm Oregon's legal edibles market and set a dangerous precedent - Please Vote NO on SB 1548

SB 1548 is not just an economic issue. It also raises serious child-safety concerns. Federal child-safety standards focus on maintaining continuous child-resistant protection and reducing access points.

In plain terms, SB 1548 forces major changes to manufacturing processes, packaging lines, equipment, compliance systems, and product design. It would increase costs for every edible producer in Oregon—but the burden would fall hardest on small and mid-sized businesses. That economic shock will likely force some processors to close.

This bill does not target the illicit or illegal online market. It only places new burdens on licensed, compliant Oregon operators—the businesses already following strict child-resistant packaging, testing, labeling, and age-verification rules.

SB 1548 Will cause a tremendous negative impact for ALL Oregonians:

- Higher costs for consumers

- Fewer product options

- Increased dangers from unregulated sellers and products

- Oregon jobs at risk, with some manufacturers likely forced to close

- A precedent for more destabilizing mandates

- Increased risk to children by multiplying loose “unit-dose” pieces outside continuous child-resistant packaging after opening

Legislators, regulators, the cannabis industry, and consumers all share a common goal: to keep adult-use products out of the hands of children. The challenge lies in determining the most effective way to achieve this objective, while simultaneously supporting, rather than harming, our unique cannabis market.

Please Vote NO on SB 1548